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SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION--CHILE RESOLUTION

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1. ON THE BASIS OF A SECOND MEETING OF THE DRAFTING GROUP ON CHILE RESOLUTION (AUSTRIA, SWEDEN, UK, U.S., YUGOSLAVIA AND CUBA), MEZVINSKY HAS CONCLUDED THAT, TO IMPROVE CHANCES FOR ACHIEVING A RESOLUTION CONTAINING ELEMENTS DESCRIBED REF. 2, PRELIMINARY MOVE SHOULD BE MADE TO STIMULATE A NEW DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL PROVIDE A RATIONALE FOR MOVING AWAY FROM A REPEAT OF LAST YEAR'S HRC RES.

2. MEZVINSKY HAS DISCUSSED WITH AUSTRIAN AND YUGOSLAV MEMBERS OF DRAFTING GROUP HIS IDEA PER PARA 4 REF. 1 THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE INDICATE IN ADVANCE A WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE HRC'S AD HOC WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN (ALLANA) AND ONE OTHER MEMBER OF WORKING GROUP AGREEABLE TO THE GOC. REACTION OF AUSTRIAN REP ERMACORA, WHO IS MEMBER OF HRC AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CONFIDENTIAL

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CHILE, WAS POSITIVE; YUGOSLAV WAS NON-COMMITTAL BUT SHOWED INTEREST IN WHAT REACTION OF GOC WOULD BE TO THE IDEA. UK AND SWEDISH REP ARE INTERESTED BUT SKEPTICAL THAT GOC WILL ACCEPT. ALLANA'S REACTION CONTINUES FAVORABLE.

3. POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM GOC ON THIS IDEA COULD

CONSTITUTE A KEY BARGAINING POINT WHICH WOULD IMPROVE CHANCES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HRC RESOLUTION ELEMENTS WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE BE DIFFICULT OF ACHIEVEMENT, ESPECIALLY POSITIVE REFERENCES TO IMPROVEMENT IN CHILEAN SITUATION AND ROLE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. WITHOUT SOME SUCH NEW ELEMENT MEZVINSKY'S IMPRESSION IS THAT DRAFTING GROUP, AND ULTIMATELY MAJORITY OF THE HRC, WILL BE LITTLE INCLINED TO CHANGE TENOR OF RESOLUTION MUCH FROM THAT WHICH WAS ADOPTED LAST YEAR. THIS IS FOR THE REASON THAT THE GENERAL SENTIMENT OF THE HRC APPEARS TO BE THAT THE GOC IS ABSOLUTELY IMMOVABLE TO ANY PRESSURES ASSERTED THROUGH UN ORGANS AND THEREFORE THERE IS NO REASON FOR THE UN TO BACK OFF FROM ITS PREVIOUS WORDS OF CONDEMNATION. ON THE BASIS OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP'S LATEST REPORT, A REPEAT OF THE GENERAL SUBSTANCE OF LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION WOULD, IN THE MINDS OF MANY, APPEAR TO BE FULLY JUSTIFIED.

4. USDEL SUGGESTS TO DEPT THAT WE WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BY PRESENTING OUR IDEA TO THE GOC IN SANTIAGO. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE INTERESTED IN AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO'S ADVICE ON THIS POSSIBLE APPROACH. IF DEPT SHOULD CONCLUDE THAT WE SHOULD MAKE SUCH AN APPROACH TO THE GOC, USDEL WOULD PROPOSE TO MAKE PARALLEL APPROACH TO AMB. DIEZ, CHILEAN PERMREP IN NEW YORK, WHO ARRIVED GENEVA
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TODAY. ON THE BASIS OF OUR PAST CONVERSATIONS WITH AMB. DIEZ, AND ON THE ADVICE OF AUSTRIAN REP ERMACORA HERE, WHO HAS CONSULTED EXTENSIVELY WITH AMB. DIEZ AS MEMBER OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT DIEZ WOULD BE FAVORABLE TO IDEA. DIEZ SEEMS GENUINELY TO DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A MORE POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOC AND THE UNHRC.

5. AT A.M. MEETING FEBRUARY 16, CHAIRMAN INFORMED HRC THAT GOC HAD REQUESTED DELAY IN COMMENCEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN P.M. FEBRUARY 20. DELAY REQUESTED IN ORDER TO ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR GOC TO PREPARE POSITION ON REPORT OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP. WITHOUT OBJECTION HRC AGREED TO PUT OFF ITEM UNTIL FEBRUARY 23. AD HOC WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN ALLANA NOTED HE WOULD OBJECT TO ANY FURTHER DELAYS.

6. OBVIOUSLY, AN EARLY RESPONSE IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO HAVE ANY EFFECT UPON THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS YEAR'S HRC RESOLUTION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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